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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Gary Howell, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy. (9/9)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 21, 2018 as printed.

Representative Cambensy moved to adopt the minutes of March 21, 2018, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair introduced his constituent Sue Dzikczek from Lapeer, Michigan, and her children, Amy Coole and Zane Coole from Davison, Michigan.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bills 652, 653, and 654.

SB 652 (Casperson) Administrative procedure; rules; environmental rules; establish a special review committee.

SB 653 (Booher) Environmental protection; permits; permit appeal panel; create.

SB 654 (Robertson) Environmental protection; other; Michigan environmental science advisory board; create.

The Chair explained his intention of referring the Senate Bills to the House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

Representative LaFave moved that Senate Bill 652 be referred to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, and Sowerby, (7/9)

Nays: None, (0/9)

Pass: Representatives Chang and Cambensy. (2/9)

The bill was referred to the House floor for recommendation to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

Representative VanderWall moved that Senate Bill 653 be referred to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, and Sowerby, (7/9)

Nays: None, (0/9)

Pass: Representatives Chang and Cambensy. (2/9)

The bill was referred to the House floor for recommendation to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

Representative Rendon moved that Senate Bill 654 be referred to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, and Sowerby, (7/9)

Nays: None, (0/9)

Pass: Representatives Chang and Cambensy. (2/9)

The bill was referred to the House floor for recommendation to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5711.

HB 5711 (Cole)

Natural resources; hunting; certain hunting age limits on public land; remove.

Representative Triston Cole, the bill sponsor, explained the bill. Questions followed.

Daniel Eichinger, Executive Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of the bill.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources;
Tim Dasterwinkle, representing the Michigan Bear Hunters Association;
Mike Thorman, representing the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation;
Jim Wale, representing the Michigan State United Coon Hunters;
Joseph Hudson, representing the Upper Peninsula Bear Houndsmen Association; and
Roger Thorman, representing the Michigan State Fox Hunters.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 5752 and 5753.

HB 5752 (Lower) Environmental protection; sewage; onsite wastewater treatment systems; regulate, and provide for assessments and evaluations.

HB 5753 (Hammoud) Environmental protection; sewage; onsite wastewater treatment systems; regulate and provide for assessments and evaluations.

Representative James Lower and Representative Abdullah Hammoud, the bill sponsors, explained their bills. Questions followed.

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison in the Executive Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, testified and introduced Angela Ayers, Director of Strategy in the Executive Office of Rick Snyder, Governor, and Dale R. Ladouceur, R.S. Environmental Quality Analyst in the Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, who testified in support of the bills. Questions followed.

Larry D. Stephens, P.E., owner of Stephens Consulting Services and President of the Michigan Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association, testified in support of the bills. Questions followed. A copy of his submitted written testimony is attached.

Nicholas Occhipinti, Government Affairs Director Michigan League of Conservation Voters, testified in support of the bills. Questions followed. A copy of his submitted written testimony is attached.

Brian Westrin, J.D. Public Policy and Legal Affairs Director for the Michigan Association of Realtors, and David Perison, Real Estate Attorney from the McClelland and Anderson firm, testified on the bills. Questions followed.

Eric Pessell, REHS, BA, Health Officer for Calhoun County Public Health Department, testified on the bills, and submitted a testimony card stating his position is neutral on the bills.

Robert Gordon, representing the Sierra Club of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in support of the bills, but not wishing to speak.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards wishing to speak in opposition to the bills, but due to time restraints they were not able to speak:

Kristen Schweighoefer, MPH, RS, Environmental Health Director for Washtenaw County;
Anthony Drautz, DHA, MSA, RS, Administrator of Environmental Health in the Health

Division for Oakland County;*and

Chuck Lichon, Deputy Health Officer/Director Environmental Health at District Health Department #2.

*Submitted written testimony.

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a testimony card stating he wish to speak, but due to time constraints he was not able to speak. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison for Michigan Townships Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the concepts, but due to time constraints he was not able to speak.

The following individuals submitted written testimony, which is attached:

Thomas L. Fountain, R.S. Environmental Health Director for Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department;

Scott Kendzierski, REHS, MS Director of Environmental Health Services for Health Department of Northwest Michigan; and

Grenetta Thomassey, Watershed Policy Director for Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Bellino moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:32 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Gary Howell, Chair
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee